

this correction, the permits referred to were recommended by the Department of the Interior.

Mr. DAVIN. What about O'Brien ?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. The hon. gentleman sees that with the one correction made, the rest were recommended by the Department of the Interior.

Mr. DAVIN asked,

Who recommended the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-west Territories to issue a permit to James H. B. Brown, on the 24th February, 1898, for 15 gallons of whisky ?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. The answer to the last question applies to this.

Mr. DAVIN asked,

Have any permits to take whisky into the Yukon district been issued by any other authority than that of the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-west Territories ? Has the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-west Territories been advised to issue any permits to take liquor into the Yukon by the Dominion Government, or by any member of the Dominion Government, or by the deputy head of any of the departments of the Government.

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. As to No. 1. Not to the knowledge of the Government. As to No. 2. As stated in the foregoing answers.

FUEL—INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

Mr. MARCOTTE asked,

1. How much was expended by the Intercolonial Railway for the purchase of coal, wood and fuel generally, from 1st July, 1891, to 30th June, 1897 ?

2. What was the quantity and value of fuel available on 1st July, 1897, in possession of the Intercolonial Railway ?

3. What was the quantity and value of the fuel purchased by the Intercolonial Railway from 1st July, 1897, to 1st March, 1898 ?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). 1. The amount expended yearly by the Intercolonial Railway for the purchase of coal, wood and fuel generally, from 1st July, 1891, to 30th June, 1897, is as follows:—For the year ended 30th June, 1892, \$428,645.37 ; 1893, \$387,535.98 ; 1894, \$399,122.80 ; 1895, \$362,278.32 ; 1896, \$366,525.13 ; 1897, \$346,959.10. 2. There was available on the 1st of July, 1897, in possession of the Intercolonial Railway 13,410 tons of coal of the value of \$32,529, and 311 cords of wood of the value of \$311, being a total of \$32,840. 3. There was purchased from the 1st of July, 1897, to 1st March, 1898, 107,035 tons of coal of the value of \$234,640.94 ; and 1,200 cords of wood of the value of \$1,200. Total, \$235,840.94.

POSTMASTER—ST. TITE.

Mr. MARCOTTE asked.

1. Has the postmaster of St. Tite, in the county of Champlain, been dismissed ?
2. At whose request, and through whose influence ?
3. Why ?
4. Was an inquiry held ?
5. At whose request ?
6. By whom was it held ?
7. What sum was paid to the person who held the inquiry, if it took place ?
8. Who has been appointed to succeed the postmaster, if so dismissed ?
9. By whose influence ?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (Mr. Fisher). The member for Chicoutimi having shown that during the Dominion by-election in Champlain, in 1897, the postmaster at St. Tite took an active part in such contest, canvassing and acting as a political leader for one of the candidates, holding election committee meetings in the post office and on election day occupying himself actively in getting voters to the polls, he was relieved of his office, no further inquiry being necessary, nor was had, with regard to the acts referred to, and Mr. Odilon Lacoursière was appointed to the position.

ASHCROFT POST OFFICE.

Mr. PRIOR asked,

1. Who is the present postmaster at Ashcroft Station, British Columbia, and where did he reside previous to his appointment ?
2. By whom was he recommended for the position ?
3. Was he recommended by the M.P. for the district.
4. How many applicants were there for the position, if any, what were their names ?
5. What were their post office addresses, and by whom were they recommended ?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (Mr. Fisher). 1. James Charles Shields is the present postmaster at Ashcroft Station. 2 and 3. He was not recommended for the position by the member of Parliament for the district, nor by any one. 4 and 5. There were no other applicants for the position.

Mr. PRIOR asked,

1. Has the contract been awarded for carrying the mails between Ashcroft Station post office and the Canadian Pacific Railway station at Ashcroft, British Columbia ?
2. If awarded, to whom has it been given, and at what price ?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. 1. The contract for the mail service between Ashcroft Station post office and the railway station has been awarded. 2. It was awarded to Mr. James Charles Shields, the rate of pay being \$180 per annum.